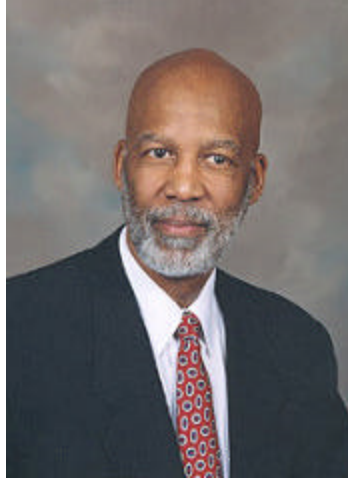


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Dr. Terrence Roberts



Terrence Robert was a fifteen-year-old eleventh grader when he joined eight other students to desegregate Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1957. The "Little Rock Nine," as they came to be called, endured the opposition of the governor of Arkansas and citizen mobs before President Eisenhower sent in 1,000 members of the 101st Airborne Division of the United States Army to escort them to school. The courage and commitment of these nine young people focused the attention of the nation on the challenge of race relations and the desegregation of public schools.

Little Rock's high school closed during the 1958-59 school year, and Terrence Roberts completed his senior year at Los Angeles High School in Los Angeles, California. He received his BA degree in sociology in 1967 from California State University, his MSW from the UCLA School of Social Welfare, and his PhD in psychology from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. He is currently chair of the master's program in psychology at Antioch University in Los Angeles and is the founder and CEO of Terrence J. Roberts & Associates, a management consultant firm dedicated to improving human relations in the workplace. Since 1998 he has worked for the Little Rock, Arkansas, school district as their official desegregation consultant.

Roberts has received numerous awards, including the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund Award, the Martin Luther King Jr. "Drum Major for Justice" Award, and the Spingarn Medal from the NAACP in recognition of his contributions to civil rights. In 1999, Roberts and the other members of the "Little Rock Nine" received the Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian honor, from President Bill Clinton.